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8 March 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Member, Research and Development Board

SUBJECT: Requirements

REFERENCES:

- (a) Your memorandum dated 22 February 1971, subject as above (TCS-2998-71)
- (b) DD/BGI memorandum to DDI Member, R&D Board, dated 27 November 1970, Subject: Requirements for Research and Development

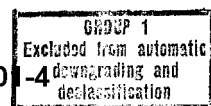
1. The original OBGI submission of requirements (Reference b.) was based on the understanding that we were to concentrate on requirements that related closely to necessary research and development. The compilation dated 13 January 1971 seems to be a conventional across-the-board statement of information requirements, without specific regard to their dependence on research and development. In addition, it omits the "statements of requirements. . . for capabilities for information processing", originally requested.

2. These considerations aside, the compilation is a useful one; however, I suggest additions and changes as noted below (references are to the appropriate page numbers of the 13 January draft):

PRIORITY I

Page 2, final paragraph: In specifying world regions toward which plans and intentions of Soviet leadership are of interest, we feel that the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean Sea, and the Arctic are worthy of mention. In addition, we would suggest that plans and intentions of Soviet leadership toward relations with Communist China are most certainly a Priority 1 item.

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Page 3, final paragraph: Suggest adding "Attitudes toward their probable accession to UN membership, and toward relations with the USSR".

Page 4, first paragraph: National aggregate figures are unquestionably of value; from our standpoint, however, regional output figures are also needed, to contribute to an improved understanding of the problems of distribution within Communist China.

Page 4, last paragraph: Suggest adding the following: (Should include census and demographic data plus information on birth control programs.)

PRIORITY II

Page 2, paragraph 2: It would seem inadvisable to terminate the information requirement at 1969. Suggest that the time span read "1950 to present".

Page 4, first paragraph: Suggest inclusion of "Developments influencing food yields from animal husbandry."

PRIORITY III

Page 3: Suggest addition of a new item: "Capabilities for detection or advance warning of natural catastrophes".



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